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I am a shareholder in several companies that have been injured by the monopolistic practices of Microsoft. As a result, I, too, have been injured by Microsoft. As an injured party, I am opposed to the DOJ settlement because the settlement in no way punishes Microsoft for its past practices for which it has already been found guilty. How can a party be found guilty and not be punished for its criminal activities? The proposed Settlement undermines our whole governance by Rule of Law.

As for the settlement preventing future transgressions, I call your attention to code written into Microsoft's Office X for Macintosh which limits the life of the product to one year unless the user pays Microsoft an annual fee even though the user paid full price initially for the product. The only reason Microsoft has not activated the code is because it didn't want to jeopardize the DOJ settlement. It will do so once the settlement is finalized. That certainly smacks of a "Predatory Practice" to me especially since businesses that use the Macintosh platform have to be able to interface with others that use the Wintel platform that is dominated by Microsoft software.

Please re-establish the Rule of Law by making Microsoft at least pay retribution to the Companies it injured or drove out of business. The DOJ has not even considered the injury caused to shareholders. You need to factor that into your Settlement decision as well.

Thank you for allowing the injured public a chance to comment on such an important matter.

Respectfully yours,

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